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File No.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

CONFIDENTIAL

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
For C. I. D. Registration,
No. I. O. D. 1023.
Date. February 26, 1930.
Date. 28-2-30.

Subject (in full) George Berger.

Made by D.S. Ovsiannikoff. *Forwarded by* Thos Robertson C.D.I.

With reference to the attached two photographs of G. Berger, inquiries go to show that he arrived in Shanghai several years ago from Harbin and resided at 107 Range Road with his paramour who is now Mrs. Hurley. He first came to the notice of the Police on July 16, 1923 when he was charged with misappropriation in the Mixed Court and sentenced to 3 months' imprisonment. Later he was charged in the French Mixed Court for being drunk and disorderly and was sentenced on May 21, 1926 to 5 days' imprisonment. On July 11, 1928 he was again tried in the French Mixed Court for obtaining goods by false pretences but was acquitted. In January 1929 he left Shanghai for U.S.S.R. but on arrival at Vladivostock was arrested by G.P.U. agents for entering the republic without permission. He was kept in gaol in Nickolsk- Ussurisk for several months and then deported from the U.S.S.R. During the Summer of 1929 he again appeared in Shanghai and on September 22, 1929 was arrested by detectives attached to Hongkew Police Station for fraud for which he was sentenced on October 1, 1929 to 1 year and 6 months' imprisonment. He was recently released from the Amoy Road jail and immediately proceeded to his old paramour Mrs. Hurley living at 581 Rue Lafayette. It appears from inquiries that Berger lived with Mrs. Hurley for about 4 years prior to her marriage with Mr. Hurley, and that after their wedding Hurley had to drive Berger from his house on several occasions. Files on Berger and Mrs. Hurley are attached.

V. Ovsiannikoff
D. S.

A/D. C. I.

27/2/30

27:2:30.

DIRECTOR OF
CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATION

Telephone - C 743

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.

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E. L. Hurley
Br J
St Louis

I.O.D. 1023.

I. Anonymous 148

Shanghai Municipal Council.

POLICE FORCE.
(COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.)

Confidential

May 21, 1929.

My dear Davis,

With reference to your No. S/444 of May 11, I forward herewith for your confidential information police file in this case, from which you will see that there is a woman in the case. Kindly return the file at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

The Commissioner of Public Health
S.M.C.

Form No. 3
G. 22000-1-28

D. 1023

SHANCHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

- REPORT

Foreign Section Station
Political Branch
Date May 22.5.29 19 29

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE C.I.D. REGISTRY Serial No. 148 May 22 1929

Subject (in full) Annnymous communications received concerning two members of the Municipal Health Dept. and others.

Made by D.I.Robertson. *Forwarded by* J.H.S Robertson C.D.I.

With reference to your query in the attached memo, Bakakin was subjected to a writing test in Lokawei Station on May 14 and the results did not even show a resemblance to the writing on the attached anonymous communications. Apparantly those of the communications that are not written in block letters were written with the left hand and when Bakakin was asked to write with that hand his attempt was sufficient to show that he was disguising his real effort. The French Police are especially anxious to get a case against him and had there been any possibility of his being prosecuted on the evidence obtained they would have charged him.

I regret I omitted to include the above details in my report of May 16, 1929.

H. Robertson
D. I.

18.5.'29.

Memorandum.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE,
POLITICAL BRANCH, (C.I.D.)

Tel: No. 12060 17:5: 1929

To C. D. I. Robertson,

For attention please.

J.K.G.

Foreign Section

J.P.

Memorandum.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE,
POLITICAL BRANCH, (C.I.D.)

Tel: No. 12060 19

To

18/5/29.

A/D.C.I.

For favour of instructions as to whether we should send a verbal or written reply, and a general indication of how much we should tell the Health Department. I am of opinion that a verbal reply would be the most suitable.

A.C.(Sd) J.K.G.

Can we get a specimen of handwriting if Complainant wishes to prosecute as a civil case. or if we want to proceed under article 32(5) of C.C.? Ltr

Form No. 2
G. 20000-1-28

File No. 4-1145

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Central I.B. Section

REPORT

Date May 16th 1929

Subject (in full) Anonymous communications received concerning two members of the Municipal Health Department and others

Made by D.I. Robertson *Forwarded by* Jno Robertson, C.D.I.

In this case anonymous letters and/or postcards which all apparently emanated from the same source were received addressed to the following:

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

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Subject (in full)

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Captain Hurley
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Indecent allegations against Mrs. Hurley. Statement to the effect that Mrs. Sutterle was about to be kidnapped and held for ransom by three Russians, Lomakin, Bagdanoff and one other.

In connection with the above, and on information received from A.N. Philippoff, accompanied by a Russian detective, I visited the boarding house kept by Mrs. Hurley at 581 Rue Lafayette at 8 p.m. on May 13, and interviewed the latter and her husband, a British subject, who is employed as a Captain on one of Messrs Butterfield & Swire's ships. Both persons were obviously under the influence of liquor and Messrs Philippoff and Vouich were also there when we arrived.

During the conversation, Captain and Mrs. Hurley stated that they suspected a Russian named Bakakin, who was formerly in Chang Chung Chang's army and who arrived in Shanghai one year ago. Captain Hurley also added that he had clothed, fed, and kept Bakakin for several months because he was a great friend of his wife who is also Russian. Captain Hurley left for Wuhu at 5 a.m. on May 14, and Bakakin was located at the former's house and immediately taken to his quarters at 118 Route Vallon, apartment 13, where his room was searched in the presence of members of the Foreign Section, at 4 p.m. on May 14 by the French Police. As a result of the search, a bottle of ink, of the same colour as that used to write the anonymous communications, and an ink stained dressing table cover were

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attached X
A.R.

On the morning of May 15, Bakakin visited this office and from the gist of his conversation, it is obvious that he is aware of the nature of the contents of the anonymous communications received. It was equally obvious that he is neither a friend of Captain Hurley, Veuich, nor Philippoff.

In short, the result of investigations in this case go to show that the three last named persons are admirers of Mrs. Hurley who encourages them in their affections. Of these Bakakin is the favourite and it is the opinion of the French Police as well as ours that he wrote the anonymous communications in order to oust his rivals and to have them dismissed from their employment thereby reducing them to pecuniary difficulties when their attentions would be no longer welcomed by Mrs. Hurley.

H. Robertson

A/D.C.I.

D. I.

I.O.D.1023.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C.I.D REGISTRY
No. Registered
Date 22.5.29

Translation from Russian.

To Mr. Ovsiannikoff.

The complaint against Mr. Bakakin to the effect that he is a bandit and the author of the anonymous letters is a mere personal affair between him and Mr. Hurley. I have known Mr. Bakakin for several years as a decent man. He is not a bandit. The statement made by me on May 13 was unadvised and therefore I withdraw it.

(signed) Mrs. Z. Hurley.

581 Rue Lafayette.

May 14, 1929.

Г-ну Обязанному.

Заявление поступившее на Т-на Бакакина о том, что якобы он является [illegible] и писателем анонимных писем. Ни что иное как сплетня с Мих. Львов. Узнав его немного лучше как порядочного человека и не сварливого

Мой последний день
13-го мая, просто необ
ходимое о нотах
Барбер его обратно
Mrs B. Thurber
Rue Lafayette 581
14 мая 29.

SEARCHED INDEXED
C.I.D. REGISTRY
Central I.B. xxxx
No. 22. 5. 29
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A/D.C.I. D. I.

Dear Sirs,

three days before your
russian inspector on our
Market Mr Filipoff
came in one of our shops
and examined our flesh,
after came one english
or russian lady and examine
our flesh and told us
that she can not buy
from us our flesh
because Mr Filipoff
touch by his hands
she told that Mr Filipoff
has very bad venerous
sickness and asked us
to write you. She told that
Mr Filipoff takes treatment
from russian doctor
and she write us his name:
DADAJ-DADAEVSKII
this name of russian
doctor from whom
Mr Filipoff takes treatment
Dear Sirs, Mr Filipoff

can not have business from
Health Department
and we will not have
over Buyer if he will come
to our market.
Please take off this
contagious man from
our Market or we must
write about him, his
sickness in all newspapers

We waite your rapid
order about his exclusion
from your Health
Department

Yours
Zi-Chen-
Ma-fu-
Cii-lu-
Mi-li-chen

SHANGHAI MUNIC
C.I.D REGISTRY
No. Anglo-Amer. 148
Date 22. 5. 29.

May 21, 29.

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Yours sincerely,

The Commissioner of Public Health
S.M.C.

No 8/4444

Shanghai Municipal Council.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

May 11th, 1929.

The Acting Commissioner of Police.

Anonymous letters - Mr.Philippoff.

I enclose herewith file of anonymous post cards received concerning Mr.A.N.Philippoff, Sanitary Overseer.

These complaints are apparently quite unjustified and are becoming more numerous and abusive, so that I should be glad if you would have an investigation made into the matter with a view to tracing the author.

Commissioner of Public Health.

Enclosure.

C.I.D. A. 148.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.

S. M. P.

DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Telephone - - C. 743.

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File Balance of

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P.H. To be returned

Later.

MEMORANDUM.

From	*To*
BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL	Lieut Noel Davis
SHANGHAI 192	

Send you the enclosed postcard for what it is worth. You can thank them in any way in it. Perhaps you will be good enough to have enquiries made. The matter, of course, does not concern us.

Yours sincerely,

[illegible]

Please send to market
sober man Because
your drunk russian
inspector Filipoff
builds disorders.
or we can not visit
your market.
We very ask you.

Mme Safanoff.

One russian man
Mr Filipoff was very
drunk at russian
holiday and told
at society that he can
do ally because you
are fool men and
if he will gone from
Health Department
you will not can do
market's Business.
It's not good. If he
drinks, he can not tell
it.

Yours truly
Kravtzoff.

Please pay atention
that one russian
inspector Filipoff
builds desorders at
your market or we
cannot visit your
market.
Ille is very often
drunc.

Mme Safanoff.

Some days before one russian man named Filiproff Andrei was at one russian house. He was very drunk, he weeped and told that he loved the russian woman named Ksenia, that he was jealous of and for that reason he poisoned her and now God punishes him. They say that this poisener - Filiproff - server at Health Department B. H. C.

Krikunoff.

Three days before one
your russian polisman
was very drunk and
made biff trouble.
When chinese polisman
wanted take him to
police this russian man
commence to cry that
he is english polisman.
I asked his name - he told
that his name is Filipoff.
Hapear - he is from
Health Department.
His trouble gathered
big crowd of chinamen.
Podgumnee.

Your russian
inspector Mr Vnich
told yesterday
that you can not
take at position
from Mr Filipotti,
because if he ask
him, Mr Vnich, just
same as and
you two British
idiot I will not
can do works
at market if they
will do. Your helper
very good things about
you

Some days before one
russian man named
Filipoff andrei was at
one russian house.
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he loved the russian
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and for that reason
he poisoned her and
now god punishes him.
They say that this
poisoner - Filipoff serves
at Health Department
of B. M. C.

Firiranoff

Please take of us, take from our market this infectious man Mr Filipoff or we will not have our Buyers, we will lose all our Buyers if we will have Bussiness from Health Department.
You Must ask russian doctor, which name we wrote you and you must not give him bussiness from Health Department, if your Department is Health Department and Infectious Department. He can infect all men, who buy from our market and we will have no Buyers, if each Lady will say to us that she can not buy from our market because our russian inspector is infectious man. Yours dealers
Mi-Lu-Shen.

Dear Captain,

Sunday Sth Inst. are dressed
men pushed me and threw
down I recognized he's Mr Filgraff
from your Police. He's my implacable
enemy.

Yours truly

Mr Gramsbergen.

Dear Sir,
one your gentleman
Mr Filipov from Health
Department was very drunk
at russian Holiday and
told very bad about you
about your police. He told
in russian society,
russian society will be
satisfied if you will
punish him, because
dishonours russian name
and can be bad for all
good russian men who
works with you.
We are russian men
and we will be satisfied
if you will punish
him.

One Russian man Filipaff
Andrei from your police
told that you are bad
man because you
take from Bandits
money. Filipaff was
very drunk.
It very bad for all
Russian man who
has work from you.
Filipaff has Russian
from Health Department
all Russian people
wants that you will
punish him.
Your policeman

Your russian man
Mr Filipoff from
Health Department
told that you are
British idiot and
can not make nothing
with him because
you are afraid
that he can write
to your consul that
you are protector
for bandits.
Pay attention to
this circumz.
Romoff

Г-жа Обсянникова,
никто Вам не позво-
лил себя на пассаж
разбирать вас, говорит
что вы не шершавость кожи
что не можем провести
какого рода отношения
какого то его сексуальная
это все, конечно - ерунда
если бы он не стоял
у власти если бы
решения относительно
вашей супруги. такого
показать надо учить, и
моя подруга хотела
вам написать об этом
не знаю как писать ли она
а я вспомнила слова
этого французского
и поэтому Виталина
и пишу.

Смирская.

Office of Russian and
Health Department
Please Bring Sam
when you Pass
Christmas
Pass and Pay
Dear Friend
I am very
glad to hear
from you
I am very
glad to
hear that
you are
well

Въ HEALTH Department
коль рыщъ. Уйду на пасу
говоря о муниципалъ
сказалъ, что вы не
Шерлокъ Холмсъ -
-А главно, да еще не ва-
-жное, т.к. не могли
выяснить какое по чуть
аппаратно нужно
Fleischmann.
Что вамъ надо
еще сначала безъ
шпанокъ по улицамъ
пробѣгать, чтобы быть
сыщикомъ. Такъ вамъ,
Ерема, ты, Ерема!
Нехорошо с Шелъ
мнѣ эдоптъ Вуш
Якушевъ

Great British
Municipal Consulate
Health Department
local.

A. 1406

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C.I.D. REGISTRY
No. A/148
File No.
Date 4.1.29.

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

January 3, 1929

A/D.C.I.

Inquiries made in connection with the attached anonymous letter regarding Mr. Philipoff, Overseer, employed in the Hongkew market indicate that it was written from motives of vindictiveness and, in all probability, by a Chinese.

About one month ago Mr. Philipoff had occasion to rebuke a Chinese coolie who frequently visits the market to gather vegetable leaves, as food for the rabbits kept for experimental purposes in the St. Lukes Hospital. On the day in question the coolie placed his basket in the middle of the passage-way and on being requested to remove it, refused, whereupon Mr. Philipoff, after some altercation, forcibly removed him from the premises. The coolie then threatened Mr. Philipoff in English and said that he would report him to his superiors.

Representations was afterwards made, by Mr. Philipoff to the Matron of St. Lukes Hospital who admitted she was more or less acquainted with the man's short-comings. It is significant that after this incident the anonymous letters were received.

Mr. Philipoff is well-known to the Russian stall-holders in the market and to the Insp.-in-Charge of Hongkew all of whom testify to his sobriety and capability.

The fact that the coolie addressed Mr. Philipoff in English, that the anonymous letter is written on Chinese note paper and that the wording of it is typically Chinese, suggests that it was written either by him or at his instigation

There are 13 policemen on duty daily from 5a.m. to noon in the market and no reports have been received by them regarding Mr. Philipoff.

1/ D.C.(Pol) ... D.S.

4/1/29

No 7/936

Shanghai Municipal Council.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

December 17th, 1928

The Director of Criminal Intelligence.

With reference to the attached anonymous letter, I forward a report on this subject and have to say that, as far as my observations go, I can corroborate paragraphs 2 and 3.

In view of the fact that these malicious attacks are becoming frequent, would it be possible to ascertain the name of the complainant . It has been suggested that the letters have been written by a Russian.

Acting Commissioner of Public Health.

A.C. (Pol) for Sec: Can help? 17/12 Rear

Foreign Section, For inquiry and report please. 17:12:28

Encl.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

FOOD, DAIRIES AND MARKETS DIVISION

Report

Office: Deputy Chief Inspector. *Date:* December 14, 1928.

To: E. Kilner, Esq., Senior Chief Inspector.

From: R.W. Burton, Deputy Chief Inspector.

Subject: Anonymous letter concerning Mr. Phillippoff, Overseer, Hongkew Mkt.

With reference to the attached anonymous letter, and your instructions for a report of my experience of Mr. Phillippoff, I have to say that I have come in contact with him in the course of my work on a great many occasions since he joined the Service last year. On not a single occasion have I noticed the slightest trace of alcohol about his person and, needless to say, I have never seen him under the influence of drink.

Mr. Phillippoff works under Mr. Veit, who speaks well of him, and from my own observations, Mr. Phillippoff carries out his duties well and to the best of his ability. He is obedient to his immediate superiors and seniors, gentlemanly in appearance and, to the best of my knowledge, polite to the Public.

His duties in the Hongkew Market necessarily require him upon occasion to be firm with Stallholders who habitually violate the Market Regulations and this fact probably has much to do with the present anonymous letter and similar letters which I have seen in the same handwriting. It is my belief that the allegations made are baseless.

DCI.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH
SHANGHAI
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Dear Sirs,

We beside to Police Department and your Council about [illegible] russian man Philipoff.

We white to all foreign papers and are chinese [illegible].

We can not work more for [illegible] and smelling russian man.

We have shelters.

Yours

Dear Sirs,

We wrote three times to Health Department about russian man Philipoff from British Market. Very often he is drunk and came with his friends to market and orders to sell our products cheaper than market prices. We asked Health Department to [illegible] from market. We do our business legal and [illegible] work for this drunk man.

Please [illegible] Philipoff.

We will not sell cheaper than [illegible]

CONFIDENTIAL DRAWER

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

C. & S. B. REGISTRY
File No.
No. S. B. D. 1023.
dte August 1. 1928.

D. C. I.

The attached was received yesterday and was no doubt addressed to this office in ignorance of procedure.

A Robertson
D.I.

Necessary action please

August 21st 1928.

Sir,

With reference to the attached inquiries go to show, that George Berger arrived in Shanghai on July 11th and lived for a few days at 774 Avenue Joffre, house N10, later removing to 112 Joffre Terrace. He now resides at 581 Rue Lafayette with a Russian woman who supports him. He is employed by the French lawyer Paul Premé at 612 Rue Lafayette as a chauffeur, but is not registered in the Traffic Department of the International Settlement nor in the French Concession. Prior to coming to Shanghai in the beginning of 1928 he was in Nicolsk-Ussuriysk U.S.S.R. and later in Tientsin and Chefoo.

D. Suhoff.
P.C.C.

I Just gave the enquiries received address only 21/8/28

D.C.I.
Enquiries made
22/8/28.

Hellenic Communal Association

Shanghai. 36 Jinkee Road

CABLES "PANHIGAN" P. O. Box No. 283

30th July 1928

Dear Mr. Duncan,

I wonder if you could help me to locate a Russian by the name of GEORGE BERGER-if the name is his right name-who has recently been expelled from Weihaiwei by the British Police and sent to Shanghai.

Said person has defrauded a number of people in Chefoo including some of my nationals who are now asking the Ass'on for assistance and I should like to at least try to get something out of him if possible.

His Certificate of registration with the Chinese Foreign Office Chefoo I attach herewith for your perusal.

The Offices of the Ass'on have been removed to 36 Jinkee Road-2nd Floor-and hope that you will drop in some morning, if you can spare time, to give me some advice on the matter. I attend office every morning 10- 12.

Best thanks in anticipation,

Sincerely Yours,

EPY/MC